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Dear Friends,

Our world is ever changing. We live in an age of smartphones, self-driving cars, and wireless computing. Despite all these innovations, however, some things remain the same: kindness, love, and community are still as important today as when we were children. To me, this is the truth behind our motto here at the Community Foundation of Greene County: For Good, For Ever. No matter how much the world around us changes, we still all share one home and one community. Through your gifts, whether unrestricted or guided towards a certain mission, we can continue to serve our county and our community both today and far into the future.

I was honored to be chosen to serve as the chairman of the Community Foundation’s Board of Directors once again this year. Throughout my time with the Community Foundation of Greene County, I have come to see that your efforts and mine truly are contributions to a timeless cause. Personally, I have continued my contributions towards creating an endowed fund that will be able to distribute yearly grants to a chosen cause. Likewise, in the past year, many of you have made your own impact on the community alongside us here at the Community Foundation of Greene County. You have been our donors, our partners, our volunteers, and our friends.

Thanks to you, three brand new funds took shape here at the Community Foundation of Greene County: The Daniel and Lizzie Tharp Fund, the Victor and Anna Mae Wancheck Beghini Scholarship, and the Goldie Everly 4-H Fund. Each fund is unique in its origin and purpose, yet will continue to make a lasting difference in Greene County. Where and how they began contributing makes little difference to the many citizens of Greene County who will benefit from their generosity. These gifts are not merely charity, they are an investment in the future men and women who will inhabit this beautiful county.

And now I extend an invitation to you, the reader, to join us in changing the future of Greene County for good, for ever. Help us spread the news of our important mission here at the Community Foundation of Greene County. Help us transform lives through truly lasting gifts to a community in need. Help us ensure that the future of our county and our community is a bright and shining one. It is because of your love and support that we can continue our mission to serve Greene County. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Morris Harper, M.D.
2016 Chairman of the Board of Directors
About Our Grants
The Community Foundation strives to fund organizations and ideas that will have a significant and lasting impact on Greene County, its residents, infrastructure and future. The Foundation currently considers three types of grants – programmatic, capacity building and special projects – in the following service areas:
- Arts & Culture
- Children, Youth & Families
- Community & Economic Development
- Education
- Environment
- Health & Human Services
- Religious and Faith Based

Generally, an eligible group must be a nonprofit, charitable recognized under Section 501(c)(3) organization, located in Greene County PA. The Foundation may also make grants to organizations outside Greene County whose purposes or programs benefit Greene County residents.

Total 2016 Grants & Distributions: $282,222.56

Application Deadlines
At the Foundation, we utilize a quarterly grantmaking schedule with the following deadlines for applications:

Quarter 1
- Designated Agency Funds – March 15

Quarter 2
- College Scholarship Funds – April 1
- Summer Community Grants – June 1
- Cindy’s Wind Fund Mini-Grant – June 1

Quarter 3
- EITC Pre-K Scholarships (full year) – August 20
- EITC K-12 Scholarships (full year) - August 20

Quarter 4
- Fall Community Grants – October 1
- Cindy’s Wind Fund mini-grant – October 1

Year Round
Stealth Scholarship
William H. Davis, Jr. Scholarship
CONSOL Energy Excellence in Education Grants (public schools)
Donor Advised Funds – As Recommended by donor advisors

2016 Grants & Scholarships

Endowed Designated Funds - $63,026.08
Bentleyville United Methodist Church Fund
Benleville United Methodist Church - $7,253.61
Mary Ann Dornack Hughes Fund
Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church - $1,236.68
St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church - $1,236.68
ChildFund International - $3,914.57
WQED Television - $3,914.81
Evelyn Barclay Funk Memorial Fund
Greene Academy of Art - $16,433.80
Laurel Point Cemetery - $16,433.80
J. Claude Smith Memorial Fund
Greene Academy of Art - $144,444.64
Laurel Point Cemetery - $1,709.63
Greene County 4-H Fund
Penn State Cooperative Extension, Greene – 4-H program - $2,479.30
Leah Abbe Zwerver Memorial Fund
Waynesburg University - $4,429.90
Greene County Memorial Hospital Fund
Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation - $574.40
Dolores H. McCracken Estate
Fairall United Methodist Church - $1,510.00
Humane Society of Greene County for dog boxes - $1,322.10
Fund for the Humane Society
Humane Society of Greene County - $367.05
Katherine M. and D. Dale Hamilton, Jr. Fund
Children and Youth Advisory Board - $284.09

Agency Fund Disbursements - $1,074.08
Humane Society Fund
Humane Society of Greene County - $1,074.08

Donor Advised Grants - $10,726.95
Michael A. Milinovich Fund
Dauphin County’s Tumburitzan’s - $1,918.95
No Longer Me: Alzheimer’s Fund by Observer Publishing Company
Southwestern PA Area Agency on Aging, Inc. - $1,000.00
Forget-Me-Not Fund
Greene County Department of Recreation – UPSTREAM Art Workshop for Day Camp - $5,000.00
Waynesburg University – Flat Screen tv/monitors for “investment Lab” - $3,528.00

Endowed Discretionary Operating Funds - $8,855.41
The R.K. Mellon Fund
Community Foundation of Greene County - $7,676.22
The Reverend Carol E. Visser Fund
Community Foundation of Greene County - $1,179.20
Margaret E. Rock Fund
Community Foundation of Greene County - $875.99

Scholarship Funds - $25,000.00
Army Specialist Gregory A. Cox Memorial Scholarship
Zachary Shuffer – Virginia Military Institute - $1,000.00
William H. Davis, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Desiree Brunley – Westmoreland County Community College - $1,000.00
Samantha Rockwell – Westmoreland County Community College - $1,000.00
Hailey Hickman – Westmoreland County Community College - $1,000.00
Rocky Doman Memorial Scholarship
Trevor Knihu – Waynesburg University - $1,000.00
Nathan Bowlen – Seton Hill University - $1,000.00
Dove Award Scholarship
Kacey Wright – Robert Morris University - $1,500.00
Jesse Benson Finnegar Scholarship
Brandie Housel – Greene County Career & Technology Center - $1,000.00
Russell A. Guthrie Memorial Scholarship
Morgan Simkovic – Slippery Rock University - $500.00
William and Shirley Hanley Scholarship
Sara Cumpston – Point Park University - $1,000.00
Reed Long – Bethany College - $1,000.00
Thelma S. Hoge Scholarship
Dillon Shields – California University of Pennsylvania - $2,500.00
Laura Wise – Slippery Rock University - $2,500.00
Renardo A. Matteucci Family Scholarship
Kacey Wright – Robert Morris University - $1,000.00
Chase Kovalcheck – Franklin and Marshall College - $1,000.00
Evelyn Minor Scholarship
Ryan Kovach – Penn State University - $1,000.00
Abigail Shlipley – California University of Pennsylvania - $500.00
Emily Blaker – Penn State University, Eberly Campus - $575.00
Lauren Sanetrik – Waynesburg University - $750.00
Darlene Phillips Memorial Scholarship
Sara Cumpston – Point Park University - $1,000.00
Walter Samek III Scholarship
Journie Crutchman – Saint Vincent College - $500.00
## 2016 Grants & Scholarships (continued)

### Stealth Scholarship
- Amber Negley – Greene County Career & Technology Center - $2,500.00

### Discretionary Funds - Community Grants - $22,866.00

**Forever Greene/Bob Bradford Fund** - $11,280.00
- Southeastern Greene School District – Botvin Life Skills Training Curriculum - $2,000.00
- West Greene School District – Botvin Life Skills Training Curriculum - $2,000.00
- PICT Classic Theatre – Carmichaels Elementary Acting Project - $1,000.00
- West Greene School District – Pioneer Pantry - $900.00
- Greene County Conservation District – Envirothon Learning Resource Boxes - $1,000.00
- Bobtown United Methodist Church – Community Youth - $500.00
- Catholic Charities – Greene County Outreach Heating Assistance - $1,000.00
- Cornerstone Care – Smile for Life Oral Health Outreach Project - $750.00
- Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern Pennsylvania – Domestic Violence Support Group
- For Incarcerated Women - $2,000.00
- Waynesburg University – WU Go Girl - $500.00

- **Good for Greene Fund** - $2,000.00
  - Accessible Dreams (TRIPL) – Independence Place 2-accessible affordable housing - $2,000.00

- **Children Youth and Families Fund** - $500.00
  - Bobtown United Methodist Church – Back to School Bash - $500.00

- **Children Youth and Families Fund and Forever Greene/Bob Bradford Fund** - $2,000.00
  - Central Greene School District – Botvin Life Skills Training Curriculum - $2,000.00

- **Community and Economic Development Fund, Futures Fund and Forever Greene/Bob Bradford Fund** - $2,000.00
  - S.O.A.R. of Greene County 7th Annual Aviation Day - $2,000.00

- **Health and Human Services Fund, Good for Greene Fund and Forever Greene/Bob Bradford Fund** - $2,000.00
  - Washington Health Systems Foundation – Patient Transportation Program in Greene - $2,000.00

- **CONSOL Energy Excellence in Education Fund** - $1,086.00
  - Carmichaels Area School District – Native American Village - $500.00
  - West Greene School District – Community Based Instruction Field Trip - $586.00

- **Cindy’s Wind Fund** - $5,000.00
  - Steps Inside, Inc. – Bird Sisters Oxford House – Rent Assistance - $500.00
  - Save A Horse Stable, Inc. – Flicka Project - $500.00

- **Special Initiative** - $1,000.00
  - McGuigg School District – Aquaponics Project - $1,000.00

### Restricted Funds - $150,674.04

- **E.I.T.C. Educational Improvement Fund** - $70,400.00
  - Carmichaels Area School District – STEM in the Classroom for grades 6-8 - $25,500.00
  - Jefferson-Morgan School District – Science Matters for grades K-8 - $9,600.00
  - Southeastern Greene School District – Artist in Residence-Bobtown & Mapletown - $4,800.00
  - Southeastern Greene School District – Apple iPad Learning Technology Project (Middle School) - $25,500.00
  - West Greene School District – BotsIQ Project – West Greene Maker Lab - $5,000.00

- **E.I.T.C. Pre-K Scholarship Fund** - $53,791.72
  - Calvary Chapel Christian School Pre-school – $1,275.00
  - Calvary Chapel Christian School Pre-school – $438.08
  - Christian Sandbox Pre-school – $8,014.24
  - Christian Sandbox Full Day Pre-school – $11,253.08
  - Community Action Southwest – $1,594.04
  - Greene Valley Christian Academy Pre-school – $2,832.12
  - Here Wee Grow Nazarene Pre-school – $12,686.36
  - Little Bear’s Pre-school – $846.36
  - Nanny’s Creative Learning Center Pre-school – $2,547.08
  - Open Door Christian Pre-school – $756.16
  - Rainbow’s End Learning Center Pre-school – $9,834.00
  - St. Ann’s Catholic Church Pre-school – $4,316.08

- **E.I.T.C. K-12 Scholarship Fund** - $8,200.00
  - Calvary Chapel Christian School – $1,275.00
  - Mount Moriah Christian School – $150.00
  - Greene Valley Christian Academy – $2,500.00
  - Open Door Christian School – $4,275.00

- **Weekend Food Program Fund** - $18,186.26
  - Carmichaels Area School District – $2,520.11
  - Central Greene School District – $14,676.64
  - Jefferson-Morgan School District $1,915.00
  - Southeastern Greene School District – $1,408.00
  - West Greene School District – $6,097.50
  - Intermediate Unit 1 - $1,000.00

- **Greene County Food Security Partnership Fund** - $174,06
  - Saute and Save Program - $174,06
America is experiencing a technological revolution. Computers, machines, and even robotics are now staples of American industry. Now, more than ever before, young men and women need to be problem-solvers. Now, more than ever before, they need to embrace the challenge of new technology. That’s why the Community Foundation of Greene County is committed to seeing students receive the tools and education they need to thrive. In fact, through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program, the Foundation is helping local schools take their students to the next level.

Eric Armstrong, a teacher at West Greene High School, recently led a team of high school robotics enthusiasts to BotsIQ, a robot battle royale competition. The competition pitted robots designed by schools from all over the Pittsburgh region against each other in a storm of robotic fury. Toting their own homebuilt lean, mean, robot-crushing machine, the West Greene students proved that their local robotics program could go toe-to-toe with the bigger schools in the region. Armstrong made it clear, however, that such a journey would not have been possible without an EITC grant from the Community Foundation.

“We’re completely grant-funded, so it’s a big help to us,” Armstrong stated in an interview. “We can’t afford what some of the bigger school districts in Pittsburgh can,” mentioned the physics teacher, “so the students have to do a lot of the work themselves.” Armstrong recounted stories of students seeking his help with a non-functional 3D-printer during class hours, only to be informed that they would have to wait. Upon leaving class, however, Armstrong found them on the phone with tech support, working hard to figure out the problem on their own. Armstrong pointed to this experience as evidence that the Community Foundation’s support of the program really was having a significant impact. Bettie Stammerjohn, Executive Director at the Community Foundation, agreed: “These are the kinds of projects that engage students in real-world activities. We’re helping to supply them with the skills they need.”

The Foundation, however, could not have made this program possible on their own. A donation from prosperous energy corporation EQT was vital in making these EITC funds available to the robotics program at West Greene. Stammerjohn voiced her approval of the decision: “If you want to have young people with the skills for these jobs that require problem solving, then you need to support programs like this.” West Greene’s students took 7th place overall, and 4th place in the judges’ evaluation of their program strength.

More information on the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) grant which enabled West Greene’s robotics program can be found at http://www.cfgcpa.org. Those interested in making similar programs possible via a contribution to the Community Foundation are encouraged to call 724-627-2010, or email Bettie Stammerjohn at cfgcpa@gmail.com.
2016 Funds

Designated Funds (for designated Nonprofit Organizations)
The Bentleyville United Methodist Church Fund
Dr. William & Marie Colantoni Memorial Fund
The Evelyn Barclay Funk Memorial Fund
The Gensler Church Fund
The Gensler Food Bank Fund
The Katherine M. and D. Dale Hamilton, Jr. Fund
The Greene County Memorial Hospital Fund
The Mary Ann Dornack Hughes Memorial Fund
The Fund for the Humane Society
The Inghram Church Fund
The June Kim Fund for Flenniken
The Dolores H. McCracken Fund for the Fairall United Methodist Church
The Dolores H. McCracken Fund for the Humane Society of Greene County
The McCracken Memorial Community Center Fund
Lance Corporal Steven Phillips Memorial Fund
The J. Claude Smith Memorial Fund
The Viola (Steele) and Leroy Willis Fund for Flenniken
The Viola (Steele) and Leroy Willis Fund for First United Methodist Church
The Leah Abbe Zwerver Memorial Fund

Field of Interest Funds
The Fund for Arts and Culture
The Fund for Children, Youth and Families
The Fund for Community and Economic Development
The Fund for Health and Human Services
The Futures Fund
The Harvest Fund
The Kathleen A. Hamilton Davis and William R. Davis Memorial Fund
The L. and M Fund
Consol Energy Excellence in Education Fund
Cindy’s Wind Fund for Women and Girls

Discretionary/Unrestricted Funds
The Francis R. “Bob” Bradford Fund
The Good For Greene Fund
The R. K. Mellon Fund
The Margaret E. Rock Discretionary Fund
The Reverend Carol E. Visser Fund

Donor – Advised Funds
The Forget-Me-Not Fund
The Michael A. Milinovich Memorial Fund
The Peters Family Memorial Fund
The Rotary Club of Waynesburg Charitable Fund
The Mission for Miracles Fund
The Daniel and Lizzie Tharp Fund
Restricted Funds
Community Builders Fund
EITC Educational Improvement Curriculum Fund
EITC K-12 Scholarship Fund
EITC Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Fund
Friends of Education Fund
Summer Food Program Fund
Weekend Food Program Fund

Agency Funds (by Nonprofits)
The Community Action Southwest Fund
The Cornerstone Care Health Services Fund
The Fund for the Humane Society
The Flenniken Public Library Fund
The Greene County 4-H Program Fund
The Greene County Log Courthouse Fund

Scholarship Funds
The Victor and Anna Mae Wancheck Beghini Scholarship Fund
The Army Spec. Gregory A. Cox Memorial Scholarship Fund
The William H. Davis, Jr. Scholarship Fund
The Rocky Doman Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Dove Award
The Enstrom Family Scholarship Fund
The Jesse Benson Finnegan Scholarship Fund
The Russell A. Guthrie Memorial Scholarship Fund
The William and Shirley Hanley Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Thelma S. Hoge Memorial Scholarship Fund
The R.A. Matteucci Family Scholarship Fund
The Evelyn Minor Scholarship Fund
The George L. Misher and Anne Misher Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Greg and Mary Lou Niverth Scholarship Fund
The Darlene Phillips Scholarship Fund
The Walter Samek III Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Robert Scott Scholarship Fund
Stealth Scholarship Fund
The Thelma J. Szarell Scholarship Fund
### Financial Summary

#### Assets and Liabilities
For the Years Ending December 31

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**Total Liabilities and Net Assets** $3,952,042 $3,656,296

#### Changes in Net Assets
For the Years Ending December 31

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**Change in Net Assets** $275,114 $(207,820)

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**Independent Auditor’s Report**

Complete financial statements with the accompanying footnote and unqualified auditor’s report issued by Houston & Associates, LLC are available for inspection at the Community Foundation office.
Allow us to introduce you to Harry Enstrom, dashing and suave in his automobile on a bright summer morning. Harry was a proud resident of Greene County, along with his four delightful children. Today—though Harry has since passed on—the Enstrom Family scholarship fund continues the legacy he and his wife established of excellence in Greene County. The fund, which awards a $500 scholarship each year, benefits one student from Jefferson-Morgan High School; helping cover the price of attending the California University of Pennsylvania for a four-year degree.

Burt and Linda Enstrom Fettig, the founders of the scholarship fund, are prime examples of the men and women we work with at the Community Foundation of Greene County. Together, they have dedicated the fund to the memory of Linda’s family. Remembering what has come before, with an eye towards what is to come, Burt and Linda are honoring the memory of the past by investing in Greene County’s future.

By reaching out to us, you can learn how to apply for the Enstrom scholarship, or learn how to create a similar fund.
Each year, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development accepts applications from area businesses and corporations to provide contributions through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. Through EITC approved organizations like the Community Foundation of Greene County, funds are distributed to support innovative educational programs in public schools, scholarships for children attending accredited K-12 schools and qualified approved Pre-Kindergarten programs. Many corporations like EQT, First National Bank of Pennsylvania, and Waste Management participate in the EITC program to help improve the state of education in Greene County.

2016 EITC Donors
The Community Foundation of Greene County is proud to express our gratitude for the following corporations and businesses which supported the EITC program over the past year.

Innovative Education Grants – EIO/Public School
- First National Bank of Pennsylvania
- EQT Production

K-12 Scholarships
- Waste Management
- UPMC Health Plan

Pre-K Scholarships
- UPMC Health Plan
- EQT Production

“When I heard that we got the grant I was ecstatic,” said Brittany Phillips, newly-hired Carmichaels Area School district teacher, “when I saw the amount, I had to pick up my jaw from the floor.” The grant, provided by the Community Foundation of Greene County as part of Pennsylvania’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit program, couldn’t have come at a better time. Phillips, a recent hire of the district, was in her first year of teaching when she applied for the grant. Entrusted with the difficult task of creating a brand new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) program for Carmichaels’ students, Phillips found herself between a rock and a government budget-cut.

“If we didn’t get the grant,” Phillips confessed in an interview, “I really don’t know where we would be.”

The grant, however, did come. What’s more, it far exceeded the amount Phillips had hoped to receive. Rather than scraping the bottom of the barrel in an attempt to continue the fledgling programs that had been started in the early Fall, Phillips found herself putting together a plan of action. “This kind of grant really opens doors,” she stated, as she described the unfolding of the new program. First and foremost, the project was enhanced greatly by the discovery that the school had an unused classroom, which was swiftly transformed into a new technology lab. Older computers from the school’s makeshift lab, which had been running Windows XP—an operating system currently over fifteen years old—were replaced with new laptops running up-to-date software. “We’ve gone from sticking to what we could manage in the past,” Phillips laughed, “to building an entirely new tech program.”

Already, the school’s efforts are paying dividends. According to Phillips, the halls are abuzz with excitement as high school students experience the lab’s new equipment in all its complexity, while middle schoolers receive their first introduction into a world of complex machinery and problem solving. Phillips expressed her amazement at the sudden transformation. “It feels like we have free reign,” she said, expressing her relief at no longer suffering the restraints of inadequate technology and a lack of space, “the older kids ask me why we didn’t do this sooner.”

All this was made possible by a grant distributed by the Community Foundation in its role as an Educational Improvement Organization. The Foundation, a longtime player in the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) field, helped arrange several grants for public schools in the Green County area over the past year. This particular grant was made possible by a large donation by the EQT energy corporation, which has made a number of charitable contributions to Greene County. The Carmichaels Area School District was one such recipient, and—judging from the engrossed faces of middle and high schoolers seated in the new tech lab—the positive effects of the grant on the district will be felt for years to come.

More information on the Community Foundation for Greene County, the EITC program, and opportunities to receive or contribute to various funds assisting the community can be found at www.cfgcpa.org or by contacting Bettie Stammerjohn at 724-627-2010.
Many of us are familiar with the fact that countless students across America receive free lunches at school. However, when they go home on the weekend? The Weekend Food Program, operated by the Greene County Food Security Partnership, helps answer that question. Via the program, eligible children receive light, nutritional meals over the weekend. Since 2012, the Community Foundation of Greene County has been privileged to serve as the fiscal sponsor and administrator for this program.

The program currently provides assistance to roughly 140 students across Greene County, with every school district containing at least one dozen participating children. At the moment, the average cost is $5.00 per week, per child. While it is certainly encouraging that these students are receiving the help they need, much expansion is necessary. In 2012, more than 2,010 Greene County students received a free meal at school—and yet only 480 were receiving any type of monthly assistance from a food pantry.

By supporting this program, your gifts ensure that Greene County students will not need to pick their fellow students leftovers out of the trash on Monday morning, or shove extra helpings into their pockets to take home on Friday. Thank you, on behalf of the children benefiting from this program, for all your support as donors and volunteers.

Interested in helping the Weekend Food Program to thrive? Call Bettie Stammerjohn at 724-627-2010, or email cfgcpa@gmail.com.
Leadership—it’s what transforms ordinary counties into extraordinary communities.

To foster this kind of transformational leadership, the Community Foundation of Greene County is proud to sponsor Community Builders—just one of the many strategy sessions, technical assistance programs, and development programs that we offer.

Community Builders

In 2004, the Community Foundation of Greene County partnered with local organizations and businesses to create a new nonprofit leadership training program: Community Builders of Greene County.

By bringing in local business and nonprofit experts to lead the sessions, costs are kept low and relevancy is maintained. “The session leaders know the challenges we’re facing here in Greene County,” said Bettie Stammerjohn, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Greene County. “They have the skills needed,” she continued, “because they’ve faced these issues before.”

Teresa Roberts, a graduate of the class, said that “This class would help all levels of servants—volunteers, employees, and board members—understand the big picture of nonprofit organizations.”

With over 175 graduates to date, the nonprofit leadership program guides students through sessions on leadership, nonprofit governance and boards of directors, financial management, communication and teamwork, strategic planning, public relations, resource development and volunteer engagement. Join us, and learn how you can help transform Greene County!

The program runs September through December and meets every other Monday night. There is a fee to participate for the program. To learn more visit http://www.cfgcpa.org/community-builders.

Meet the Grantmakers

For those interested in learning more about the organizations offering grants to projects in Greene County, the Community Foundation hosted a “Meet the Grantmakers” session featuring special guests Ellen Rossi, Bethany Hemmingway, Brent Robinson, and Dave Jones. This session included a chance for panelists to speak openly to grantseekers about their interests, as well as offering a Q&A time to allow audience members to further explore the guests’ remarks.

IRA Charitable Contributions Seminar

Keeping donors informed on new opportunities presented by ongoing legislation is a key facet of the Community Foundation’s work. As part of this work, the Foundation offered an “IRA Charitable Contribution” seminar explaining how new legislation provides an avenue for contributions from Individual Retirement Accounts.

“For larger estates, a good portion of IRA wealth goes to estate taxes and income taxes of beneficiaries,” Stammerjohn said. “Experts estimate heirs may receive less than 50% of IRA assets that pass through estates.” A provision in the federal law extends this special option: transferring IRA assets directly to charity. By going directly to a qualified public charity such as the Community Foundation of Greene County, the money is not included in the IRA owner’s income and—most important—is not taxed, preserving the full amount for charitable purposes.
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